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SUBJECT: UNHCR APPEAL FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN LEBANON

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED FOR FORWARDING TO SECSTATE, AN  
APPEAL FROM UNHCR FOR ASSISTANCE IN ITS LEBANESE PROGRAM.  
REFERRING TO ITS EMERGENCY EFFORTS FOR DISPLACED PERSONS  
(DP) IN LEBANON SINCE EARLY 1976, UNHCR WRITES THAT LEBANESE  
GOVERNMENT HAS NOTIFIED UN SECGEN AND HIGH COMMISSIONER THAT  
THE RETURN AND REHABILITATION OF DPS TO THEIR VILLAGES OF  
ORIGIN SHOULD BE TREATED ON A PRIORITY BASIS. UNHCR HAS  
THEREFORE, IN COLLABORATION WITH GOL AUTHORITIES, DRAWN UP  
A PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE BASED ON "SAMPLE ASSESSMENT" OF  
PRESENT DP SITUATION.

2. UNHCR PROGRAM IS INTENDED TO SERVE AS A CATALYST AND  
IS LIMITED IN SCOPE AND DURATION. ITS GOAL IS TO PROVIDE  
A FIRM BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT AND REHABILITATION COVERING UP  
TO 25 VILLAGES AND REQUIRING TOTAL CASH INPUT OF APPROXI-  
MATELY \$12 MILLION. PROGRAM WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED ON  
VILLAGE BY VILLAGE BASIS ACCORDING TO ORDER OF PRIORITY  
DETERMINED BY GOL WHICH HAS UNDERTAKEN TO MADE "CONSIDERABLE  
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CASH CONTRIBUTION", IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING SERVICES NOT  
INCLUDED IN \$12 MILLION TARGET. PROGRAM HAS ALREADY BEGUN  
IN TWO VILLAGES WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS AND IS PROGRESSIING  
SATISFACTORILY, BUT EXTENSION TO OTHER VILLAGES IS URGENTLY  
NEEDED. UNHCR HOPES GOVERNMENTS WILL MAKE GENEROUS CON-  
TRIBUTION TOWARD THIS EFFORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS IN NEAR  
FUTURE IN ORDER THAT PROGRAM MIGHT BE CONTINUED. APPEAL

WAS TRANSMITTED TO EEC AND 36 MAJOR POTENTIAL DONOR GOVERNMENTS.

3. ATTACHED AMPLIFYING NOTE POINTS OUT THAT PROGRAM WOULD DOVETAIL WITH GOL'S POLICY OF EFFECTING MORE RATIONAL MAN-POWER DISTRIBUTION AND STEMMING FLOW OF PEOPLE FROM RURAL AREAS TO URBAN POVERTY BELTS. IT ESTIMATES THAT DURING CONFLICT BETWEEN 50 AND 80 VILLAGES WERE DESTROYED AT LEAST IN PART WITH EITHER SOME OR ALL OF THEIR POPULATIONS FLEEING. COST OF RESTORING DWELLINGS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND SERVICES IN UP TO 25 OF THESE VILLAGES IS PLACED AT \$12 MILLION. AIM IS TO PROVIDE BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RETURNING PERSONS IN HOUSING, AGRICULTURE, AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES, SUCH AS HEALTH, WATER SUPPLY AND PRIMARY EDUCATION. HOUSING REPAIRS WILL BE LIMITED TO "BASIC LIVING STANDARD."

4. PROGRAM IS COORDINATED BY GOL HIGH RELIEF COMMISSION AND CARRIED OUT BY MINISTRY OF HOUSING FOR HOUSING REPAIRS AND BY OFFICE OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (ODS) IN OTHER REGARDS. GOL HAS SET ASIDE ONE MILLION LEBANESE POUNDS (US \$330,000) AS CASH CONTRIBUTION TO PROGRAM, IN ADDITION TO CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND AND MANPOWER, SUCH AS ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS. UNICEF IS TO ASSIST IN AREAS OF WATER SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS, WHILE WFP IS ARRANGING "FOOD FOR WORK" PROJECTS IN AREAS OF HOUSING CONSTRUCTION AND RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES, SUCH AS TELEPHONE, ELECTRICITY, UNCLASSIFIED

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ROADS AND SEWAGE FACILITIES. FAO FERTILIZERS WILL BE PROVIDED PROGRAM AT REDUCED COST TO VILLAGES. UNHCR IS COORDINATING WITH FOUR MAJOR NGO'S OPERATING IN PARALLEL TO ASSURE OPTIMUM USE OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND AVOID DUPLICATION. VILLAGE COMMITTEES, ON WHICH ODS IS REPRESENTED, WILL SUPERVISE "PRACTICAL ASPECTS" OF DP'S RETURN AND PROGRAM DIRECTION, IT BEING FELT THAT SUCH LOCAL COORDINATION ENCOURAGES SELF-HELP ASPECT OF PROGRAM AND FIRM ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL INSTITUTIONS WHICH WILL ASSUME FUTURE RESPONSIBILITY FOR LONGER TERM DEVELOPMENT.

5. ATTACHED TO NOTE IS BUDGET FOR AN AVERAGE VILLAGE:

A. HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR; \$400,000

B. REPAIR OF COMMUNITY BUILDINGS AND  
PUBLIC SERVICES 25,000

C. AGRICULTURAL REQUIREMENTS \$25,000

D. TRANSPORT OF MATERIALS AND INFRA-  
STRUCTURE COSTS 10,000

E. RESERVE AGAINST CONTINGENCIES,  
INFLATION AND PROGRAM SUPPORT 40,000

TOTAL \$500,000

6. UNHCR ADVISES THAT DANISH GOVERNMENT HAS MADE CONTRI-  
BUTION OF \$200,000 TOWARD RECONSTRUCTION IN TWO VILLAGES,  
WHICH IS ALREADY UNDERWAY. UNHCR ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT  
THE JAPANESE DIET HAS CURRENTLY BEFORE IT FOR CONSIDERATION  
A GOVERNMENT RECOMMENDATION FOR A CONTRIBUTION OF \$1.1  
MILLION, IN RESPONSE TO THIS APPEAL.

7. MISSION AIR POUCHING APPEAL TO DEPARTMENT (D/HA) TODAY.  
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